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The Honorable Dereck E. Davis, Chairperson  
Members of the House Economic Matters Committee  
House Economic Matters Committee  
Room 230, House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Letter of Support, House Bill 349: Maryland Efficiency Standards Act- Televisions

Dear Delegate Davis and Committee Members:

As the Chair of the Maryland Commission on Climate Change, the Maryland Department of the Environment supports HB 349. The requirements of this bill help to reduce Maryland's emissions. In doing so, the legislation supports the State's overall goal to reduce greenhouse gasses 25% by 2020, as mandated by the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Act of 2009. As you know, due to Maryland's extensive coastline, addressing sea level rise and climate change is critically urgent.

Although our support stems from the bill's greenhouse gas reduction benefits, we recognize these reductions are a secondary benefit of the bill's primary purpose of energy conservation, which we also vigorously support.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues as you review HB 349. Please contact me at 410-260-6301 or [lnissley@mde.state.md.us](mailto:lnissley@mde.state.md.us) if you would like to discuss any of these issues further.

Sincerely,

Lisa Nissley

Cc: George (Tad) S. Aburn, Jr., Director, Air and Radiation Management Administration  
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